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Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee

Since the Mississippi River basin includes all or parts of 31 states and two Canadian provinces, LDEO has partnered with multistate programs to help monitor, evaluate and protect Mississippi water quality. Among multistate river partners is the Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee. The LMRCC was formed in 1994 with the mission of promoting the protection, restoration, enhancement, understanding, awareness and wise use of the natural resources of the Lower Mississippi River. The LMRCC accomplishes this mission through coordinated and cooperative efforts involving research, planning, management, information sharing, public education and advocacy. Members of the LMRCC include representatives of the fish and game and water quality agencies from the six lower river states of Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. LDEO is a charter member of the LMRCC and has actively participated in the Water Quality Technical Committee. Through the LMRCC, LDEQ has coordinated with other river state water quality agencies to further define water quality issues in the River. A special water quality edition of the LMRCC newsletter in 1996 became the most requested newsletter at that time indicating the importance of Mississippi River water quality. The LMRCC has also promoted interagency coordination on the Gulf hypoxia issue and in the development of an Aquatic Resource Management Plan as well as continuing to support the state NPS Management Programs. For further information on the LMRCC go to: www.lmrcc.org.